(b) if so, the details of measures taken to pcrvent damage by tourism togetherwith maintaining cultural values and earning foreign exchange; and the details of foreign exchange earned during 1997-98 and 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Cultural social, moral traditional and ecological conservation are kept in mind while promoting tourism. Eco Tourism guidelines have been issued.

Details of Foreign Exchange earned are as follows:

Year	Estimated (Rs. in crores)
1997-98	10,879.6
1998-99	12,011.5 (Provisional)

Harassment to Foreign Tourists

2131. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the targeted yearly increase in tourism earning for the year 1999-2000;

(b) whether Government have any plan to make travel and stay comfortable for the tourists as a lot of tourists complain of hotels, travel agents, touts harassing them while in India;

(c) whether Government are encouraging only budget tourists to India; and

(d) if so, the percentage of the budget tourists and business tourist visiting the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) Based on the Report of the Working Group on tourism for the 9th Plan, a growth rate of

foreign exchange earnings of 9.6 percent has been forecasted for the year 1999-2000.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Ko, Sir.

(d) The percentage of business tourists to the total tourists during 1998 was 5.1.

Relaxation in Coastal Zone Regulation to Promote Tourism

2132. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism in its 31st report recommended that coastal zone regulations (CRZ) should be relaxed for the development of special tourist areas projects; and

(b) if so, details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Tourism has taken up the matter with coastal area states for elucidating the specific difficulties faced by them in light of coastal zone regulations notified by the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

Strategy for Environment-Friendly Tourism in Andaman

2133. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that development strategy for environmentally sustainable tourism in the Andaman has been prepared with the WTO/UNDP assistance; and

(b) if so, the details of the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.